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USDA ANNOUNCES FUNDING

Brookesmith, Texas, April 24, 2002—Brookesmith Independent School District, located in Brown County received a \$20,000 Community Facilities grant from USDA Rural Development announced Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director today. USDA Rural Development is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy and infrastructure of rural areas. The funding was made available through the Community Facilities loan and grant program, an agency that falls under the USDA Rural Development mission area.

"USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program helps rural communities keep pace with the needs of their rising populations," said Daniel. "With lower populations and tax bases than urban areas, rural residents can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance the quality of life for all rural residents."

The funds were used to install three phase electrical lines from Highway 377 to the new school building. The announcement was made at a public funding announcement at the Brookesmith ISD today.

In Fiscal Year 2001, a total of \$6.3 million in direct and guaranteed loans were obligated. Community Facilities loan funds may be used to construct, enlarge or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and public services. These loans and grants are made to public entities and non-profit organizations. Examples of eligible projects include rural healthcare clinics, town halls, fire trucks, county safety equipment, jaws of life, early warning systems, community centers, libraries, day care centers, and schools.

For more information regarding Rural Development programs, contact the USDA Local Service Center in Brownwood at (915) 643-1585, Ext. 4.

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The USDA Rural Development mission area was created in 1994 and includes the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's 53 million rural people.

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